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PARK IT WITH THE ARTS DURING THE GARFIELD SHAKESPEARE COMPANY'S 2009 SEASON

Enjoy free plays in the park, starting with the production of 'Much Ado About Nothing' this weekend

INDIANAPOLIS – (June 18, 2009) The Garfield Shakespeare Company's 2009 season begins this weekend with its production of "Much Ado About Nothing" at the Garfield Park Arts Center. Performances will be at 7 p.m. June 19, 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. June 20, and 2 p.m. June 21.

The Garfield Shakespeare Company this summer also will share a shortened traveling version of "A Midsummer Night's Dream" with several Indy Parks & Recreation summer day camps. Free performances of this production also are planned at the Garfield Park Arts Center on dates yet to be determined.

The third production of the 2009 season will be "Twelfth Night" at the MacAllister Center for the Performing Arts at Garfield Park in the traditional outdoor setting. Performances are scheduled for Sept. 4, 5, 11, and 12. All three plays feature original costumes created by award-winning designer Bradley Jones. For more information, contact Garfield Park Arts Center Manager Tom Weidenbach at (317) 327-7066.

"Much Ado About Nothing" Garfield Park Arts Center, 2432 Conservatory Drive

FREE

June 19 7 p.m.

June 20 2 p.m. and 7 p.m.

June 21 2 p.m.

About The Garfield Shakespeare Company

For more than 100 years, Garfield Park has been the cultural center for the Southside of Indianapolis. Performances of William Shakespeare's plays presented in an outdoor amphitheatre setting have been an important part of this history. In 2005, area resident Joe Cook organized the Garfield Shakespeare Company in the interest of bringing Shakespearean productions back to the park. In December 2007 the company performed its first production, consisting of love scenes from some of Shakespeare's most famous plays. In 2008 the company performed "The Taming of the Shrew" and "Romeo and Juliet."

